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SUBJ: SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS MOGADISCIO

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1. SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD AL-FEISAL ARRIVED MOGADISCIO BY "SPECIAL PLANE" APRIL 5 FOR THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL DEPARTMENT ABDURAHMAN AL-MANSURI, DIRECTOR OF MINISTER'S OFFICE
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HASSAN AL-SHAWAF, AND AT LEAST TWO OTHER "SENIOR" OFFICIALS.

2. OFFICIAL MEDIA, WELCOMING SUAD TO "PEARL OF THE INDIAN OCEAN", REPORTED THAT SAUD WOULD HOLD TALKS ON "BROTHERLY RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO ARAB COUNTRIES...AS WELL AS ARAB AND IMPORTANT WORLD ISSUES". IN ADDITION, HE WAS SCHEDULED TO INSPECT SEVERAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

3. SPEAKING TO PRESS ON ARRIVAL, SAUD SAID HE WAS VISITING FELLOW MEMBER OF ARAB LEAGUE AT INVITATION PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE AND CAME BEARING MESSAGE FROM SAUDI KING KHALED TO SIAD. ACCORDING MEDIA, SAUD "POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS NO OBSTACLE TO FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES, SINCE THEY WERE BOTH ARAB STATES WITH MUCH IN COMMON". HE ADDED THAT "BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE AN EXAMPLE TO BE FOLLOWED BY LOTHER ARAB STATES". ANSWERING QUESTION ABOUT RECENT TAIZ QUADRI-PARTITE SUMMIT CONFERENCE, SAUD SAID "IT WAS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO ALL COUNTRIES BORDERING THE RED SEA THAT IT REMAIN A ZONE OF PEACE... I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO STATE BORDERING THE RED SEA THAT IS OPPOSED TO THIS IDEA".

4. EVENING APRIL 5, EMIR SAUD MET WITH SIAD. SOME MEDIA ACCOUNTS INDICATE THAT ONLY ONE OTHER PERSON WAS PRESENT AT THIS MEETING: SIAD'S NEPHEW AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, ABDURAHMAN JAMA BARRE. FULL DELEGATION ALSO MET FOR TALKS WHICH REPORTEDLY "ENDED IN UNDERSTANDING". SOMALI DELEGATION INCLUDED SIAD'S SON-IN-LAW AND NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICE HEAD BRIG. GEN. AHMED SULEIMAN ABDULLE, ABDURAHMAN (ABOVE), SOMALI CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN SAUDI ARABIA ADAN JAMA (AS GIVEN) AND DIRECTORS ECONOMIC AND ARAB AFFAIRS DEPARTMENTS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

5. SAUD AND PARTY ARE SCHEDULED DEPART APRIL 7.
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